

Wednesday, March 18, 1998

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House Committee ordered reported Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S2147–S2236

Measures Introduced: Seven bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1790–1796, S. Res. 198, and S. Con. Res. 85. Pages S2213–14

Measures Passed:

Condemning Terrorist Actions in Kosovo: By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 37), Senate agreed to S. Con. Res. 85, calling for an end to the violent repression of the people of Kosovo.

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Greek Independence Day: Senate agreed to S. Res. 171, designating March 25, 1998, as “Greek Independence Day: A National Day of Celebration of Greek and American Democracy”. Pages S2233–34

Authorizing Use of Capitol Grounds: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 238, authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for a breast cancer survivors event sponsored by the National Race for the Cure.

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Authorizing Use of Capitol Rotunda: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 206, permitting the use of the rotunda of the Capitol for a ceremony as part of the commemoration of the days of remembrance of victims of the Holocaust.

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Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2646, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow tax-free expenditures from education individual retirement accounts for elementary and secondary school expenses, and to increase the maximum annual amount of contributions to such accounts, taking action on amendments proposed thereto, as follows:

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Adopted:

Roth Amendment No. 2019, in the nature of a substitute.

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A third motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on the cloture motion would occur on Friday, March 20, 1998. Page S2169

A fourth motion was entered to close further debate on the bill and, in accordance with the provisions of Rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, a vote on this cloture motion could also occur on Friday, March 20, 1998. Page S2169

Subsequently, an agreement was reached providing for the cloture votes to occur beginning at 5:15 p.m., on Thursday, March 19, 1998. Page S2196

NATO Enlargement: Senate resumed consideration of Protocols to the North Atlantic Treaty of 1949 on Accession of Poland, Hungary, and the Czech Republic (Treaty Doc. 105–36), with seven declarations and four conditions. Pages S2172, S2176–S2202

Subsequently, an agreement was reached providing that the Treaty be considered as having passed through its various parliamentary stages, up to and including the presentation of the resolution of ratification. Page S2196

Prior to this action, by 55 yeas to 44 nays (Vote No. 36), Senate agreed to a motion to proceed to executive session to resume consideration of the Treaty.

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Senate will resume consideration of the Treaty on Thursday, March 19, 1998.

Appointments:

Census Monitoring Board: The Chair, on behalf of the Majority Leader, pursuant to Public Law 105–119, appointed A. Mark Neuman, of Illinois, to serve as a member of the Census Monitoring Board.

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Messages From the House:

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Statements on Introduced Bills:

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Additional Statements: Pages S2229–33
Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—37) Pages S2172, S2208

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9 a.m., and adjourned at 7:04 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, March 19, 1998. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record, on Page S2235.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS—DEFENSE

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Defense resumed hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense, focusing on the National Guard and Youth Challenge programs, receiving testimony from Mississippi Governor Kirk Fordice, Jackson; Lt. Gen. Edward D. Baca, Chief, National Guard Bureau; Maj. Gen. William Navas, Jr., Director, Army National Guard; Maj. Gen. Paul A. Weaver, Jr., Director, Air National Guard; Maj. Gen. Jake Lestenkof, Alaska Adjutant General; Joshua B. Phagan, Forsyth, Georgia; and Tiffany Brown, Savannah, Georgia.

Subcommittee will meet again tomorrow.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA REVITALIZATION

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on the District of Columbia held hearings on the implementation of the National Capital Revitalization and Self-Government Improvement Act of 1997 (P.L. 105–34) as it relates to the revitalization of the District of Columbia, receiving testimony from Andrew F. Brimmer, Chairman, and Camille C. Barnett, Chief Management Officer, both of the District of Columbia Financial Responsibility and Management Assistance Authority; and Anthony Williams, Chief Financial Officer, Government of the District of Columbia.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

APPROPRIATIONS—LABOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Labor, receiving testimony from Alexis M. Herman, Secretary of Labor.

Subcommittee will meet again on Tuesday, March 24.

DOD ACQUISITION REFORM

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Acquisition and Technology held hearings to review the status of acquisition reform in the Department of Defense, receiving testimony from Eleanor Hill, Inspector General, Jacques Gansler, Under Secretary for Acquisition and Technology, and Brig. Gen. Timothy P. Malishenko, USAF, Commander, Defense Contract Management Command, Defense Logistics Agency, all of the Department of Defense; Louis J. Rodriguez, Director, Defense Acquisition Issues, General Accounting Office; John Douglass, Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition); Kenneth Oscar, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Army (Research, Development and Acquisition); and Darleen A. Druyun, Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Acquisition and Management).

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

AUTHORIZATION—DEFENSE

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Personnel resumed hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on active and reserve military and civilian personnel programs and the Service safety programs, receiving testimony from Rudy de Leon, Under Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness; Lt. Gen. Frederick E. Vollrath, USA, Deputy Chief of Army Staff for Personnel; Vice Adm. Daniel T. Oliver, USN, Chief of Navy Personnel; Lt. Gen. Carol A. Mutter, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower and Reserve Affairs; and Lt. Gen. Michael D. McGinty, USAF, Deputy Chief of Air Force Staff for Personnel.

Subcommittee recessed subject to call.

OTS YEAR 2000 PREPAREDNESS

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Subcommittee on Financial Services and Technology concluded hearings to examine the status of the Office of Thrift Supervision's (OTS) efforts to ensure that the computer operations of OTS and the thrift industry are prepared for the Year 2000 computer conversion challenge, after receiving testimony from Ellen Seidman, Director, Office of Thrift Supervision, Department of the Treasury; and Jack L. Brock, Jr., Director, Governmentwide and Defense Information Systems, Accounting and Information Management Division, General Accounting Office.

1999 BUDGET

Committee on the Budget: Committee continued in evening session to mark up a proposed concurrent resolution setting forth the fiscal year 1999 budget for the Federal Government.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Communications held oversight hearings on the implementation of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-104), focusing on the state of competition in local and long distance phone service, the cable industry, and newspaper and radio ownership, receiving testimony from George Reed-Dellinger, HSBC Washington Analysis, and Scott C. Cleland, Legg Mason Wood Walker, Inc., both of Washington, D.C.; and Tod A. Jacobs, Sanford C. Bernstein and Company, New York, New York.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS TO ASIA

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on International Economic Policy, Export and Trade Promotion held hearings to examine the role of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in supporting United States agricultural exports to Asia, receiving testimony from August Schumacher, Jr., Under Secretary of Agriculture for Farm and Foreign Agricultural Services; Errol Small, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Annapolis, Maryland; John Hardin, National Pork Producers Council, Danville, Indiana; Bryce Neidig, Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, Lincoln, on behalf of the American Farm Bureau Federation; and John B. Campbell, AG Processing Inc. (AGP), Omaha, Nebraska.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

VACANCIES ACT IMPLEMENTATION

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the implementation of the Vacancies Act, which established methods for temporarily filling vacant positions in executive agencies and military departments that require Presidential appointment with the advice and consent of the Senate, after receiving testimony from Senators Byrd and Thurmond; Joseph N. Onek, Principal Deputy Associate Attorney General, and Daniel Koffsky, Special Counsel, Office of Legal Counsel, both of the Department of Justice; Joan M. Hollenbach, Associate General Counsel, General Accounting Office; Morton Rosenberg, Specialist in American Public Law, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress; Paul C. Light, The Pew Charitable Trusts, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; and Michael J. Gerhardt, Case Western Reserve University Law School, Cleveland, Ohio.

COMPREHENSIVE NUCLEAR TEST-BAN TREATY

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation and Federal Services concluded hearings to examine the impact of the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty on United States nuclear non-proliferation policy, after receiving testimony from John D. Holum, Acting Under Secretary of State and Director, United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency; and Spurgeon M. Keeny, Jr., Arms Control Association, Washington, D.C. and former Deputy Director, and Kathleen C. Bailey, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore, California and former Assistant Director for Nonproliferation, both formally of the United States Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Kermit Lipez, of Maine, to be United States Circuit Judge for the First Circuit, Robert T. Dawson, to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkansas, Garr M. King, to be United States District Judge for the District of Oregon, Johnnie B. Rawlinson, to be United States District Judge for the District of Nevada, and Gregory Moneta Sleet, to be United States District Judge for the District of Delaware, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf. Mr. Lipez was introduced by Senators Snowe and Collins and Representatives Baldacci and Allen, Mr. Dawson was introduced by Senators Bumpers and Hutchinson and Representative Dickey, Mr. King was introduced by Senators Wyden and Gordon Smith, Ms. Rawlinson was introduced by Senators Bryan and Reid, and Mr. Sleet was introduced by Senator Biden.

PREVENTING ADDICTION TO SMOKING AMONG TEENS ACT

Committee on Labor and Human Resources: Committee resumed markup of S. 1648, to amend the Public Health Service Act and the Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act to provide for reductions in youth smoking, for advancements in tobacco-related research, and the development of safer tobacco products, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

1999 SBA BUDGET

Committee on Small Business: Committee held hearings to examine the President's proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Small Business Administration, receiving testimony from Aida Alvarez, Administrator, Small Business Administration.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 19 public bills, H.R. 3484–3502; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 115, and H. Res. 389, were introduced.

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Reports Filed: Reports were filed as follows:

H. Res. 372, expressing the sense of the House of Representatives that marijuana is a dangerous and addictive drug and should not be legalized for medicinal use (H. Rept. 105–451 Part 1);

H.R. 2589, to amend the provisions of title 17, United States Code, with respect to the duration of copyright, amended (H. Rept. 105–452);

H.R. 3246, to assist small businesses and labor organizations in defending themselves against government bureaucracy; to ensure that employees entitled to reinstatement get their jobs back quickly; to protect the right of employers to have a hearing to present their case in certain representation cases; and, to prevent the use of the National Labor Relations Act for the purpose of disrupting or inflicting economic harm on employers (H. Rept. 105–453); and

H.R. 3114, to authorize United States participation in a quota increase and the New Arrangements to Borrow of the International Monetary Fund, amended (H. Rept. 105–454).

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Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative McInnis act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Vessel Hull Design Protection Act: H.R. 2696, amended, to amend title 17, United States Code, to provide for protection of certain original designs;

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Federal Courts Improvement Act: H.R. 2294, amended, to make improvements in the operation and administration of the Federal courts;

Pages H1247–54

Civil Rights Commission Act: H.R. 3117, amended, to reauthorize the United States Commission on Civil Rights;

Pages H1254–57

Lobbying Disclosure Technical Amendments Act: S. 758, to make certain technical corrections to the Lobbying Disclosure Act of 1995 clearing the measure for the President;

Pages H1257–58

Human Rights in Northern Ireland: Debated on March 17, H. Con. Res. 152, amended, expressing the sense of the Congress that all parties to the

multiparty peace talks regarding Northern Ireland should condemn violence and fully integrate internationally recognized human rights standards and adequately address outstanding human rights violations as part of the peace process (agreed to by yeas and nays vote of 407 yeas to 2 nays with 1 voting “present”, Roll No. 56); and

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Repression in Kosova: Debated on March 17, H. Con. Res. 235, amended, calling for an end to the violent repression of the legitimate rights of the people of Kosova (agreed to by a yeas and nays vote of 406 yeas to 1 nay with 1 voting “present”, No. 57).

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Removal of Armed Forces from Bosnia and Herzegovina: The House failed to agree to H. Con. Res. 227, directing the President pursuant to section 5(c) of the War Powers Resolution to remove United States Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina by a yeas and nays vote of 193 yeas to 225 nays, Roll No. 58.

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Pursuant to the unanimous consent order of March 12, the House considered the concurrent resolution and agreed to the Campbell amendment in the nature of a substitute that provides for the removal of United States Armed Forces from the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina not later than 60 days after the date on which a final judgment is entered by a court of competent jurisdiction determining the constitutional validity of the concurrent resolution.

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Amendments: Amendments ordered printed pursuant to the rule appear on page H1299.

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas and nays votes developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H1258–59, H1259–60, and H1278–79. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

Committee Meetings

AGRICULTURAL TRADE-EUROPE— MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

Committee on Agriculture: Held a hearing to review the 1999 Multilateral Negotiations on Agricultural Trade-Europe. Testimony was heard from Dan Glickman, Secretary of Agriculture; Peter Scher, Ambassador, Special Trade Negotiator for Agriculture, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative; and public witnesses.

COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE, AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary held a hearing on the SEC, and on Department of State Administration of Foreign Affairs. Testimony was heard from Arthur Levitt, Jr., Chairman, SEC; and Bonnie Cohen, Under Secretary, Management, Department of State.

ENERGY AND WATER DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development met in executive session to continue hearings on Atomic Energy Defense Activities. Testimony was heard from Adm. Frank Lee Bowman, USN, Director of Naval Nuclear Propulsion, Department of the Navy.

FOREIGN OPERATIONS, EXPORT FINANCING AND RELATED PROGRAMS APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Foreign Operations, Export Financing and Related Programs held a hearing on the AID Administrator. Testimony was heard from J. Brian Atwood, Administrator, AID, United States International Development Cooperation Agency.

INTERIOR APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior held a hearing on the U.S. Geological Survey. Testimony was heard from Thomas J. Casadevall, Acting Director, U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior.

LABOR-HHS-EDUCATION APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education held a hearing on the National Library of Medicine, the National Institute of Nursing Research; Fogarty International Center, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, and the National Eye Institute. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Health and Human Services: Donald A.B. Lindberg, M.D., Director, National Library of Medicine; Patricia A. Grady, M.D., Director, National Institute of Nursing Research; Philip E. Schambra, M.D., Director, Fogarty International Center; Anthony S. Fauci, M.D., Director, National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases; and Carl Kupfer, M.D., Director, National Eye Institute.

NATIONAL SECURITY APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on National Security held a hearing on the Quality of Life.

Testimony was heard from Sergeant Major Robert E. Hall, USA; Electronic Technical Master Chief Petty Officer, John Hagan, USN; Sergeant Major Lewis G. Lee, USMC; and Chief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Eric W. Benken, USAF.

The Subcommittee also met in executive session to hold a hearing on Readiness. Testimony was heard from Gen. William W. Crouch, USA, Vice Chief of Staff of the Army; Adm. Donald L. Pilling, USN, Vice Chief of Naval Operations; Gen. Richard I. Neal, USMC, Assistant Commandant of the Marine Corps; and Gen. Ralph E. Eberhart, USAF, Vice Chief of Staff of the Air Force.

VA-HUD-INDEPENDENT AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies held a hearing on the Department of Veterans Affairs. Testimony was heard from Togo D. West, Acting Secretary, Department of Veterans Affairs.

COMMUNICATIONS SATELLITE COMPETITION AND PRIVATIZATION ACT

Committee on Commerce: Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Trade, and Consumer Protection approved for full Committee action, amended, H.R. 1872, Communications Satellite Competition and Privatization Act.

HIGHER EDUCATION AMENDMENTS

Committee on Education and the Workforce: Began markup of H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998.

Will continue tomorrow.

OVERSIGHT—YEAR 2000 EFFORTS

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, Subcommittee on Government Management, Information, and Technology, and the Subcommittee on Technology of the Committee on Science held a joint hearing on the Oversight of the Federal Government's Year 2000 Efforts. Testimony was heard from John Koskinen, Chair, President's Council on Year 2000 Conversion, OMB; Gene Dodaro, Assistant Comptroller General, GAO; the following officials of the Department of the Treasury: Constance E. Craig, Assistant Commissioner, Information Resources, Financial Management Services; James J. Flyzik, Acting Chief Information Officer; Arthur A. Gross, Associate Commissioner, Modernization and Chief Information Officer, IRS; and Dennis Schendel, Deputy Assistant Inspector General, Audit; and a public witness.

CAMPAIGN REFORM AND ELECTION INTEGRITY ACT

Committee on House Oversight: Ordered reported amended H.R. 3485, Campaign Reform and Election Integrity Act of 1998.

PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS

Committee on International Relations: Held a hearing on the Peace Corps: 10,000 Volunteers by the Year 2000. Testimony was heard from Senators Coverdell and Dodd; Representatives Farr, Hall of Ohio, Petri, Shays and Walsh; Donna E. Shalala, Secretary, Department of Health and Human Services; and the following officials of the Peace Corps, Mark Gearan, Director; James Carden, Volunteer.

CONSUMER BANKRUPTCY ISSUES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Laws continued hearings on the consumer bankruptcy issues in H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998, H.R. 2500, Responsible Borrower Protection Bankruptcy Act; and H.R. 3146, Consumer Lenders and Borrowers Bankruptcy Accountability Act of 1998. Testimony was heard from Judith R. Starr, Assistant Chief Litigation Counsel, Enforcement Division, SEC; Bernice Donald, Judge, U.S. District Court, Western District of Tennessee; Michael J. Kane, Deputy Secretary, Enforcement, Department of Revenue, State of Pennsylvania; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

MISCELLANEOUS MEASURES

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property approved for full Committee action the following: Alternative Dispute Resolution; H.R. 3210, amended, Copyright Compulsory License Improvement Act; and H.R. 2652, amended, Collections of Information Antipiracy Act.

U.S. POLICY ON BOSNIA

Committee on National Security: Held a hearing on U.S. Policy on Bosnia. Testimony was heard from William S. Cohen, Secretary of Defense; and Madeleine K. Albright, Secretary of State.

DEFENSE REFORM INITIATIVE

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Military Installations and Facilities held a hearing on infrastructure implications of the Defense Reform Initiative. Testimony was heard from John B. Goodman, Deputy Under Secretary, Industrial Affairs and Installations, Department of Defense; and the following officials of GAO: Barry W. Holman, Associate Director, Defense Management Issues; Carol R. Schuster, Associate Director, Military Operations and

Capabilities Issues; and William M. Solis, Assistant Director, Military Operations and Capabilities Issues.

QUARTERLY READINESS REPORTS

Committee on National Security: Subcommittee on Readiness held a hearing on Quarterly Readiness Reports. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: Louis Finch, Deputy Under Secretary, Readiness; Maj. Gen. John J. Maher, USA, Vice Director, Operations, Joint Staff; Lt. Gen. Thomas N. Burnette, Jr., USA, Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations and Plans and Army Operations, Department of Army; Vice Adm. James O. Ellis, Jr., USN, Deputy Chief of Naval Operations, Plans, Policy and Operations, Department of Navy; Lt. Gen. Patrick K. Gamble, USAF, Deputy Chief of Staff, Air and Space Operations, Department of the Air Force; Lt. Gen. Martin R. Steele, USMC, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans, Policies and Operations, Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY ACT

Committee on Resources: Held an oversight hearing on Problems and Issues with the National Environmental Policy Act. Testimony was heard from Kathleen McGinty, Chair, Council on Environmental Quality; Gale Norton, Attorney General, State of Colorado; and public witnesses.

OVERSIGHT—NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE BUDGET REQUEST AND OTHER NOAA PROGRAMS

Committee on Resources: Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans held an oversight hearing on National Marine Fisheries Service FY '99 Budget request and other National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration programs. Testimony was heard from Robert L. Mallett, Deputy Secretary, Department of Commerce.

OVERSIGHT—DIESEL TECHNOLOGY FOR THE 21ST CENTURY

Committee on Science: Subcommittee on Energy and Environment held an oversight hearing on Diesel Technology for the 21st Century. Testimony was heard from Dan Reicher, Assistant Secretary, Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy, U.S. Department of Energy; and public witnesses.

SMALL BUSINESS REGULATORY BURDEN

Committee on Small Business: Subcommittee on Government Programs and Oversight and the Subcommittee on Regulatory Reform and Paperwork Reduction held a joint hearing on unequal regulatory burden borne by small businesses. Testimony

was heard from L. Nye Stevens, Director, Management Workforce Issues, General Government Division, GAO; Jere W. Glover, Chief Council for Advocacy, SBA; Thomas E. Kelly, Director, Office of Regulatory Management and Information, EPA; Greg Watchman, Acting Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health Administration, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

FAA AND AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM REAUTHORIZATION

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Aviation continued hearings on reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and Airport Improvement Program. Testimony was heard from Jane F. Garvey, Administrator, FAA, Department of Transportation; Norman Y. Mineta, Chair, National Civil Aviation Review Commission; and public witnesses.

Hearings continue tomorrow.

SHIP SCRAPPING ACTIVITIES

Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure: Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation held a hearing on Ship Scrapping Activities of the United States Government. Testimony was heard from Representative Miller of California; David Heeter, Assistant Attorney General, Department of Justice, State of North Carolina; Patricia A. Rivers, Assistant Deputy Under Secretary, Cleanup, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary, Environmental Security, Department of Defense; and public witnesses.

BUDGET VIEWS AND ESTIMATES

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Approved Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates for submission to the Committee on the Budget.

VA PARTICIPATION IN ENERGY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Committee on Veterans' Affairs: Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations held a hearing on Department of Veterans Affairs participation in the Energy Management Program. Testimony was heard from John Archibald, Director, Federal Energy Management Program, Department of Energy; Maj. Gen. Milton Hunter, USA, Director, Military Programs, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Army; and the following officials of the Department of Veterans Affairs: Kenneth Clark, Chief Network Officer, Veterans Health Administration; and Robert A. Palazzi, Chief Design Development, West Haven VA Medical Center; and a public witness.

COMMERCIAL MAPPING TECHNOLOGIES

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence: Met in executive session to hold a briefing on Commercial Map-

ping Technologies. The Committee was briefed by departmental witnesses.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS FOR THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 1998

(Committee meetings are open unless otherwise indicated)

Senate

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Legislative Branch, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Architect of the Capitol, the General Accounting Office, and the Government Printing Office, 9 a.m., SD-116.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD, and Independent Agencies, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Veterans Affairs, and cemeterial expenses for the Army, 9:30 a.m., SD-138.

Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and the Judiciary, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for the Federal Communications Commission, and the Securities and Exchange Commission, 10 a.m., S-146, Capitol.

Subcommittee on Transportation, to hold hearings on proposed budget estimates for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Transportation, 10 a.m., SD-124.

Subcommittee on Defense, to hold closed hearings to examine intelligence issues, 3:30 p.m., S-407, Capitol.

Committee on Armed Services, to hold hearings to examine issues related to NATO enlargement, 10 a.m., SR-222.

Subcommittee on Strategic Forces, to resume hearings on proposed legislation authorizing funds for fiscal year 1999 for the Department of Defense and the future years defense program, focusing on the Department of Energy's science-based stockpile stewardship and management program, 2:30 p.m., SR-232A.

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation, to resume hearings to examine the scope and depth of the proposed settlement between State Attorneys General and tobacco companies to mandate a total reformation and restructuring of how tobacco products are manufactured, marketed, and distributed in America, 9:30 a.m., SR-253.

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, to hold hearings on S. 1488, to ratify an agreement between the Aleut Corporation and the United States to exchange land rights received under the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act for certain land interests on Adak Island, and S. 1670, to amend the Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act to provide for selection of lands by certain veterans of the Vietnam era, 9:30 a.m., SD-366.

Committee on the Judiciary, business meeting, to mark up H.R. 927, to provide for appointment of United States marshals by the Attorney General, and S. Res. 198, designating April 1, 1998 as "National Breast Cancer Survivors' Day", and to consider the nomination of Richard A. Paez, of California, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit, time and room to be announced.

Subcommittee on Antitrust, Business Rights, and Competition, to hold hearings to examine international aviation agreements and antitrust immunity implications, 2 p.m., SD-226.

Committee on Labor and Human Resources, to hold oversight hearings on the implementation of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (P.L. 104-191), 10 a.m., SD-430.

Committee on Rules and Administration, to hold hearings on the proposed budget request for fiscal year 1999 for the Smithsonian Institution, the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, 8:30 a.m., SR-301.

NOTICE

For a listing of Senate committee meetings scheduled ahead, see pages E418-20 in today's Record.

House

Committee on Appropriations, Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State, and Judiciary, on the DEA, 10 a.m., 2358 Rayburn, and on NOAA, 2 p.m., H-309 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development, on Power Marketing Administrations, 10 a.m., 2362-B Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Interior, on Secretary of Agriculture, 10 a.m., and on Forest Service, 11 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., B-308 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, on National Institute of Drug Abuse and the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, 10 a.m., and on National Institute of Mental Health and the National Institute on Aging, 2 p.m., 2358 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on National Security, on Congressional and public witnesses, 10 a.m., H-140 Capitol.

Subcommittee on Treasury, Postal Service, and General Government, on the FEC, 10:45 a.m., and on US Postal Service, 2 p.m., 2359 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on VA, HUD and Independent Agencies, on American Battle Monuments Commission, 10 a.m., and on Office of Inspector General, FDIC, 11 a.m., H-143 Capitol.

Committee on Commerce, Subcommittee on Health and Environment, to continue hearings on the Tobacco Settlement, 10:30 a.m., 2123 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Oversight and Investigations, hearing on GAO's Investigative Findings of Alleged Medicare Improperities by a Home Health Agency, 10 a.m., 2322 Rayburn.

Committee on Education and the Workforce, to continue markup of H.R. 6, Higher Education Amendments of 1998, 9:30 a.m., 2175 Rayburn.

Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, to consider the following: H.R. 3310, Small Business Paperwork Reduction Act Amendments of 1998; and Fiscal Year 1999 Budget views and estimates, 10 a.m., 2154 Rayburn.

Committee on the Judiciary, Subcommittee on Commercial and Administrative Laws, to continue hearings on the consumer bankruptcy issues in H.R. 3150, Bankruptcy Reform Act of 1998, H.R. 2500, Responsible Borrower

Protection Bankruptcy Act; and H.R. 3146, Consumer Lenders and Borrowers Bankruptcy Accountability Act of 1998, 10 a.m., 2226 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Courts and Intellectual Property, oversight hearing on the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO), 10 a.m., 2237 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Crime, hearing on H.R. 1524, Rural Law Enforcement Assistance Act of 1997, 10 a.m., 2141 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Immigration and Claims, oversight hearing on the pending and anticipated caseload of naturalization applications, 2 p.m., B-352 Rayburn.

Committee on National Security, Subcommittee on Military Procurement, hearing on the Department of Energy fiscal year 1999 authorization request and related matters, 10 a.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Subcommittee on Military Research and Development, hearing on Russian nuclear security issues, 2 p.m., 2118 Rayburn.

Committee on Resources, Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, hearing on H.R. 3334, Royalty Enhancement Act of 1998, 2 p.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Fisheries Conservation, Wildlife and Oceans, hearing on the following: S. 1213 and H.R. 2547, Oceans Act of 1997, and the Ocean Commission Act, 10 a.m., 1334 Longworth.

Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, oversight hearing on Impact and Status of Northern Spotted Owl on National Forests, 2 p.m., 1324 Longworth.

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Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, Subcommittee on Aviation, to continue hearings on reauthorization of the Federal Aviation Administration and Airport Improvement Program, 9:30 a.m., 2167 Rayburn.

Committee on Veterans' Affairs, Subcommittee on Health, to mark up Fiscal Year 1999 Construction Authorization legislation; followed by a hearing on quality management at the Veterans Health Administration, 9:45 a.m., 334 Cannon.

Committee on Ways and Means, Subcommittee on Human Resources, oversight hearing on implementation of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant, 11 a.m., B-318 Rayburn.

Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, executive, briefing on Overhead Signals Intelligence Study, 2 p.m., H-405 Capitol.

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Joint Hearing: Senate Committee on Veterans' Affairs concluded joint hearings with the House Committee

on Veterans' Affairs to examine the legislative recommendations of the Disabled American Veterans, after receiving testimony from Harry R. McDonald, Jr., National Commander, Disabled American Veterans.

KOSOVO SITUATION

Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe: Commission concluded hearings to examine the current repressive and violent situation in Kosovo, focusing

on the appropriate international response to achieve peace and instill human rights in the region, after receiving testimony from Bishop Artemije, Prizren and Raska; Isa Zymberi, Kosovo Information Center, London, England; Janusz Bugajski, Center for Strategic and International Studies, and Nancy Lindberg, Mercy Corps International, both of Washington, D.C.; and Fred Abrahams, Human Rights Watch, New York, New York.

Next Meeting of the SENATE

9:30 a.m., Thursday, March 19

Senate Chamber

Program for Thursday: After the recognition of six Senators for speeches and the transaction of any morning business (not to extend beyond 11:30 a.m.), Senate will resume consideration of Treaty Doc. 105-36, regarding NATO Enlargement.

Also, Senate will resume consideration of H.R. 2646, Education Savings Act for Public and Private Schools, with a vote on the motion to close further debate on the bill to occur thereon at 5:15 p.m.

Next Meeting of the HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

10 a.m., Thursday, March 19

House Chamber

Program for Thursday: Consideration of H.R. 2870, Tropical Forest Conservation Act of 1998 (open rule, 1 hour of general debate); and

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